GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5
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PURCHASE OF MUSTARD SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mustard seeds has been purchased by the Government on Minimum Support Price (MSP) in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and current season;

(c) whether the payment of mustard seeds purchased on MSP has been made very late to the farmers in the State;

(d) if so, the details of minimum and maximum gap between the date of purchase and payment;

(e) whether the Government proposed to prepare a plan to make payment of the crop purchased on support price to the farmers within a week time; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of procurement are as under:-

Year	Quantity in lakh MT
2006	13.45
2005	14.03
2004	0.18
2003	Nil

(c)to(f): Government of India has arranged Rs.4000 crores from commercial banks through Government guarantee and Letters of Comfort to NAFED for purchase of Mustard seed and payment to farmers during Rabi 2006. NAFED has already released an amount of Rs.3797.13 crores out of which Rs.2450 crores has been released for payment to farmers in Rajasthan. Generally, payments are made to the farmers within a weeks time from the purchase of stock. However, because of huge procurement operations, it has taken on an average about three weeks time in making payment to farmers.